



Biography

Nebraska Air National Guard

Colonel Patricia U. Mehmken



Col Patricia Mehmken is the Commander of the 155th Medical Group (MDG). The Medical Group contributes to the mission of both the 155th Air Refueling Wing and the 170th Operational Support Squadron at Offutt AFB by providing medical support for an ARC operational mission that includes physical health assessments, physical exams, public health, immunizations and bio-environmental engineering encompassing occupational health, industrial hygiene, environmental compliance and radiation safety. The 155th MDG also provides patient decontamination for homeland defense and medical manpower augmentation. The Medical Group offers additional manpower to establish the first increment of an Expeditionary Medical Services field hospital providing triage, emergency care and patient stabilization utilizing state of the art equipment.

Col Mehmken received a direct commission as a Captain in the Nebraska Air National Guard in September of 1980. She was assigned to the 155th Tactical Clinic as a Primary Care Clinic Nurse. She held a variety of positions in the 155th Tactical Clinic including Charge Nurse of the Immunization Clinic, Charge Nurse of the First Aid Room, Infection Control Coordinator, Medical

Readiness Officer, and Staff Development Coordinator. In September of 1985, Col Mehmken was assigned as Chief Nurse. She held that position until February of 2001 when she became the Commander of the 155th Medical Squadron. In February of 2003, the unit was redesignated as the 155th Medical Group with Col Mehmken retaining command.

EDUCATION:

1972 - Diploma, Nebraska Methodist School of Nursing, Omaha, NE
1976 - B.S. in Nursing, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE
1982 - M.S. in Community Health Nursing, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE
1999 - Air War College (Seminar program), Offutt AFB, NE

ASSIGNMENTS:

Sep 1980 - Sep 1985 Primary Care Clinic Nurse, 155th Tactical Clinic, NEANG
Sep 1985 - Feb 2001 Chief Nurse Executive, 155th Tactical Clinic, NEANG
Feb 2001 - Feb 2003 Commander, 155th Medical Squadron, NEANG
Feb 2003 - Present Commander, 155th Medical Group, NEANG

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal
AF Commendation Medal
AF Outstanding Unit Award with seven oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with one device
AF Longevity Service Award with one silver oak leaf cluster
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hourglass
Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Captain:	09 Sep 80
Major:	09 Sep 87
Lieutenant Colonel:	08 Feb 92
Colonel:	12 Feb 01